

**MINUTE ENTRY  
FALLON, J.  
December 12, 2002**

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

**IN RE: PROPULSID** : **MDL NO. 1355**  
: **PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION** : **SECTION "L"**  
: **JUDGE FALLON**  
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**THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO ALL CASES**

A status conference was held on December 10, 2002 in the Chambers of Judge Eldon E. Fallon. In attendance were Russ Herman and Leonard Davis for the plaintiffs and Jim Irwin, Monique Garsaud, and Chuck Preuss (participating by telephone) for the defendants. Counsel advised the Court as to the status of the case. The Court discussed with the parties the settlement procedure and the necessity for selecting a representative from each side to begin discussing the formulation for an "end game" plan with a view toward resolving MDL 1355 by the end of 2003.

Following this conference, the Court set a telephone conference on December 12, 2002 with representatives from the plaintiffs and defense as well as mediator Patrick Juneau. Participating in the conference, in addition to Mr. Juneau, were Leonard Davis, Jim Irwin, and Chuck Preuss. The following dates were set and the following additional cases were targeted for mediation.

**Dates: January 13, 15, 24, and 29, 2003**

**Cases: Ballido, Fowler, Gleason, Nix, Watson, and Bircham**

The Court urged counsel to re-evaluate their settlement procedure with a view toward devising an approach which would hasten the process.

The parties advised the Court that the Plaintiffs' Committee has selected Arnold Levin and Leonard Davis for the "end game" planning committee, and the defendants have designated Tom Campion to do the same. These individuals will meet prior to the next monthly pretrial status conference and report their progress to the Court at that conference. They should focus on suggested dates for the end of discovery, any motions this Court must consider, suggested format or procedure for the trial of cases originally filed in the Eastern District of Louisiana, and any other relevant matters.

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